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「ラン」 形で出来たさん家
 という個体
 その秘められたストーリーが、
 水との密着により動き出す
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 開くこととなる第3巻、楽しみ下さい。

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「天下の最強無敵者。自分の命を賭すことが出来る」天竺の総代理」といふ能力を持つ。

小角 天竺
天竺の会長。天竺の天竺であり、他の天竺と別れもなしている。天竺の総代理の持ち主。

出羽 堅信
天竺の総代理。天竺の総代理の持ち主。天竺の総代理の持ち主。

羽黒 鷲
「天竺の総代理。天竺の総代理の持ち主。天竺の総代理の持ち主。」

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Chapter 7:
Legend Of the Mermaid

Outlet of
the Meiji Era
(1868-1912).
Coastal Waters
of Yokosuka
Bay.









MERMAIDS-
THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD THERE
ARE COUNTLESS
LEGENDS AND
EYEWITNESS
ACCOUNTS. BUT
NEVER ARE THEY
DESCRIBED AS
SPIRIT MONSTERS



BUT THERE
ARE MULTIPLE
LEGENDS OF
TERRIFYING
FISH-PEOPLE.

PERHAPS DUE
TO HAN CHRISTIAN
ANDERSEN'S
FAIRY-TALE, THE LITTLE
MERMAID, MERMAIDS
HAVE THE REPUTATION
OF BEING BEAUTIFUL.



WITH THE
UPPER BODY OF
A HUMAN AND
THE LOWER
BODY OF A FISH,
THE FEMALES
ARE CALLED
"MERMAIDS" AND
THE FEMALES
"MERMEN."

THROUGH-
OUT THE
WORLD MANY
ILLUSTRA-
TIONS OF
MERPEOPLE
HAVE COME
DOWN TO US



EVEN THOSE WITH THE
ASPECT OF MONSTERS



THERE ARE PLENTY OF LEGENDS OF MERMAIDS CIRCULATING IN EAST ASIA, AS WELL IN THE CHINESE STORY, "SANGAIKYO". MERMAIDS ARE DESCRIBED AS HAVING FOUR LEGS AND A VOICE LIKE AN INFANT. IN JAPAN HISTORIES LIKE "FUSO RYAKU" AND "KOSAN CHOMONSHU" DESCRIBE THEM AS HAVING BODIES HALF MAN OR WOMAN AND HALF FISH. OTHER WORKS LIKE "WASHOKYO" AND "SHAKU NIKONKI" DESCRIBE A FISH'S BODY WITH THE HEAD OF A HUMAN. THIS IS MORE LIKE A FISH WHOSE FACE RESEMBLES A PERSON'S FACE. THEY ADD THAT ITS CRY RESEMBLES THAT OF A NEWBORN CHILD. SOME SPECULATE THAT THEY WERE IN FACT SEALS OR SEALIONS.

MERMAID



FROM AN EDO PERIOD NEWSPAPER (MAY, 1890)

THE MOST FAMOUS FEATURE OF JAPANESE LEGENDS OF MERMAIDS IS THAT OF EATING THEIR FLESH, AS DESCRIBED IN THE STORY "YAO BIKUNI" (THE EIGHT HUNDRED YEAR PRIESTESS). A FISHERMAN FROM WAKASA BROUGHT HOME A FISH WITH A HUMAN FACE, AND OFFERED IT TO GUESTS AS SASHIMI. BECAUSE THE HUMAN-LOOKING FACE FILLED THEM WITH AVERSION, NO ONE WOULD EAT IT, BUT THE YOUNG DAUGHTER OF ONE FISHERMAN TRIED IT. THE DAUGHTER GREW TO ADULTHOOD, AND ABOUT THE TIME SHE SHOULD HAVE BEEN GETTING OLD, HER YOUTHFUL APPEARANCE RETURNED. EVENTUALLY SHE BECAME A BUDDHIST NUN AND LIVED TO BE 400 YEARS OLD. THIS STORY IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT ALL JAPAN.



The present day. A small fishing village in Aino Peninsula.













NOT BEAUTIFUL
IN THE SLIGHTEST.
IN FACT...
THEY ARE
HORRIBLE
CREATURES.



HAY?

?

NO...
MERMAIDS
ARE NOT
BEAUTIFUL
CREATURES.



AND
MORE...
OVER...



WHY DO
THEY FLY
INTO A
'JEALOUS
RAGE?'

WAAA...

THEY'RE
SO PRETTY!

SPIRIT
MONSTERS?
MERMAIDS?
NO WAY!



THEY ARE
TERRIFYING
SPIRIT
MONSTERS
CAPABLE OF
FLYING INTO
A JEALOUS
RAGE!



HE FORGOT
THE GIRL
WHO FOR
HIS GAVE
VANISHED
INTO THE
SEA...

HE
FOUND
A NEW
LOVE
IN HER
STEAD!



EVEN THOUGH
THEY WERE
LOVERS, EVEN
THOUGH THE
GIRL SAVED
THE MAN'S
LIFE...

BECAUSE
OF HOW
POOR
THE HEART
OF A MAN
CAN BE!

LOSING HER
HUMANITY AND
DEPARTING INTO
THE SEA... FOR
ALL THAT THE
MAN STOPPED
THINKING OF
HER...



ONE WHO
HAS LOST HER
LOVE AND IS
OVERCOME WITH
JEALOUSY IS
TERRIFYING TO
DEHOLD...

THEREFORE
RAGE,
JEALOUS
RAGE...

A NORMAL
WOMAN
SCORNED IS
FEARFUL ENOUGH



**MER-
MAIDS
ARE!**

IT IS A
HEEDLESS
JEALOUSY!
THEY ARE
TERRIFYING
SPIRIT
MON-
STERS!

BUT THIS
GIRL IS NO
LONGER
HUMAN!



WEDGED
FINGERS
ARE BEA-
UTIFUL!



!?



BODY
COVERED
IN THE
SCALES
OF A FISH
ARE BEA-
UTIFUL!

**FANGS
FOR KILLING
AND EATING
THE SWIMMING
FISH ARE
BEAUTIFUL?**

**EYEBALLS WITH
MEMBRANES
THAT PROTECT
THEM FROM
SEAWATER ARE
BEAUTIFUL?**

**AND WHAT ABOUT
THE FLATTENED
NOSE THAT KEEPS
SEAWATER FROM
ENTERING?**

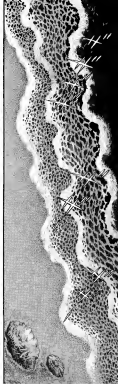




KYAAAAAAHI

BUT FOR
ALL THAT...
MERMAIDS

ARE
BEAU-
TIFUL
!?







ON THE COAST, THE BODIES OF TWO COLLEGE GIRLS WERE FOUND WASHED SHORE. THE ABDOMEN OF EACH HAD BEEN TIPPED OPEN AND PART OF THE INTERNAL ORGANS REACHED.



EWWWW!
THE LIVERS!
THAT'S SO GROSS!

IN BOTH
CASES,
THE LIVER,
RIGHT?

I KNOW! IT
MIGHTA BEEN
A SHARK!





THE SHARK
AVOIDED BONES
ENTIRELY AND
INGOLED OUT
ONLY THE
LIVERS.

I DOUBT
IT WAS A
SHARK. A
SHARK WOULD
HAVE ALSO
DEVoured
THEIR
REINCARNS.



THEN WASN'T IT
JUST A REGULAR
MURDER CASE?

AND THE COOPERS
WERE CLOTHED. IT'S
NOT LIKELY THEY WERE
ATTACKED WHILE THEY
WERE SWIMMING.



THE THING
IS, THERE
WAS A
FISH SCALE
CLINGING TO
THE BODIES.



KILLED
ON LAND,
THROWN
INTO THE
SEA, THAT
KINDA
THING,
RIGHT...?

TAKING
OUT THE
LIVERS
IS A
LITTLE
HEED,
BUT...







OTHERS HAVE THE
IMAGE OF A MONSTER
WHO SWINGS THE
RIP AND REELS
THE SAILORS INTO
SINKING IT. THE
IMAGES VARY.

SOME HAVE
THE IMAGE OF
A GOD WHO
CALLS THE
STORMY
SEAS.

LIKE
TRITON IN
GREEK
MYTHOLOGY.



THE GREEK
HERO ODYSSEUS,
WHO DREAMED
UP THE TROJAN
HORSE THAT WON
THE TROJAN WAR
ALSO HAD AN
ENCOUNTER WITH
MERMAIDS.



IT
MIGHT
BE A
SPIRIT
MON-
STER
THERE!

BOTH
GOD AND
MONSTER?



BRAD PITT
PLAYED
ACHILLES
ACTUALLY.



BRAD
PITT'S
ROLE,
RIGHT
IT

OH RIGHT!
THERE WAS A
MOVIE ABOUT
THAT WITH
BRAD PITT



ODYSSEUS WAS THE KING
OF THE GREEK ISLAND
ITACA HE IS THE MAIN
CHARACTER OF HOMER'S
THE ODYSSEY HE AND
ACHILLES SERVED
TOGETHER DURING
THE TROJAN WAR AND
HE CONCOCTED THE
TROJAN HORSE TO
ACHIEVE THE SACK
OF TROY

AFTER THE
TROJAN WAR
DURING HIS HOME-
WARD VOYAGE TO
ITACA ODYSSEUS
ENCOUNTERED
MERMAIDS



THESE
WERE EVIL
SEA MON-
STERS
CALLED
"SIRENS."

ORIGINALLY SIRENS
WERE DEPICTED WITH
THE LOWER HALF
BEING WINGS AND
TALONS AND THE
OTHER HALF THE
FIGURE OF A
WOMAN...

AT SOME
POINT THE
LOWER HALF
BECAME THE
BODY OF A
FISH, AND
THEIR IMAGE
MELDED WITH
THAT OF
MERMAIDS.

HUNT

BUT THEY
DID THAT

BECAUSE
THEY WISHED
TO FEED ON
THE SAILORS!
IT WAS A
TERRIFYING
DEATH!

THEY HAD
A SOULFUL
SINGING VOICE
THAT LURED
SAILORS
OVERBOARD.



ODYSSEUS KNEW THAT NO MAN
COULD RESIST THE LURE OF THE
SIRENS' CALL. HE BLOCKED HIS MEN'S
EARS WITH WAX AND TIED HIS BODY
TO THE MAST OF THE SHIP. WHEN HE
HEARD THE SIRENS' VOICES THEY
DROVE HIM MAD AND HE SOUGHT
FEVERISHLY TO UNTIE THE ROPE—

IT'S A
TALE PASSED
DOWN TO
US ABOUT
"WELL-KNOWN
HERALDS."

OF COURSE THIS
IS ALL RECOUNTED
IN HOMER'S EPIC
POEM FROM
ANCIENT GREECE:
THE ODYSSEY.



ATTEN?



IF A SAILOR OR FISHERMAN
HEARD IT, HE
WOULD BE
SEDUCED INTO
JUMPING INTO
THE SEA AND
THERE MEET
A TREAS-
URING END
DEVoured BY GREEN-
COLORED TENTS.

ONLY
THE HERO
ODYSSEUS,
BY THE MANS
OF TYING
HIMSELF UP,
MANAGED TO
ESCAPE THEIR
DANGEROUS,
SEDUCTIVE
SONG.



EH?
HAI'AM?

TAE.

IT'S
SAD
THAT
MERMAIDS
JUST
CONSUME
THE FLESH
OF LIVING
HUMANS
TO LIVE.



AH!

IS IT
RELATED
TO THE
CASE?

WELL,
DID YOU SAY
SOMETHING
LIKE "TAE"?



HEH?



THE HOME
OF THE
FISHERMEN
MORE OR
LESS

MASTER
OF NETS



BUT JUST
FOR A SHORT
TIME. IT WAS
WHEN I LIVED
NEAR THE
HARBOR OF
WAKASA BAY.
SHE WAS THE
DAUGHTER OF
THE MASTER
OF NETS

SHE WAS
SOMEONE
I KNEW
A LONG
TIME
AGO



THE RISING SUN
CAST SHADOWS LIKE
A FINGERS ON THE
DEPARTING BOATS.
IT WAS BEAUTIFUL.

SHE WAS A PRETTY
GIRL, AND OFTEN SHE
TWO OF US WOULD SIT
AT DAWN WATCHING
THE FISHERBOATS
DISAPPEAR OUT TO
SEA.



BUT... HER
PARENTS
DON'T
APPROVE

BUT GREAT! SO
IT WAS A GOOD
MATCH, RIGHT?



SHE WAS
IN LOVE
WITH ONE
OF THE
LOCAL
FISHERMEN

IT DID NOT TAKE
ME LONG FOR ME
TO REALIZE THAT
THE REASON SHE
CAME EVERY
MORNING TO
WATCH THE
BOATS LEAVE
WAS BECAUSE
SHE WAS
DRIVEN
BY LOVE.



SOCIAL
STATUS?

SOCIAL STATUS
WAS IMPORTANT
IN THOSE DAYS!

WELL, THAT
IS A STORY
FROM LONG
AGO!

HOW OLD
IS THE
STORY??
DEEP?



WHAT??
IN THIS DAY
AND AGE??

THEY WERE
NOT ABOUT TO
GIVE THEIR
PRECIOUS
DAUGHTER
TO THE SON
OF DOGS
FATHERLESS.



THE NIGHT ONLY THE
MAN WAS FOUND
ALONE WASHED UP
ON THE BEACH, HE
HAD BEEN SAVED.

SO THE TWO OF THEM
SLEPT AND ESCAPED IN A
BOAT. ON THE WAY THEY
ENCOUNTERED A TEMPEST
THAT SWAMPED THE BOAT.



WELL, A CONVERSATION
ABOUT MERMAIDS...
IT'S WHY I RECALLED
THE STORY...



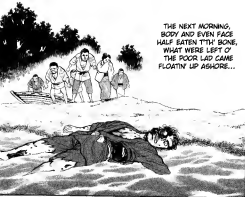
**MER-
MAID
!?**

ACCORDING TO
THE MAN, THE
LADY TRANS-
FORMED INTO
A MERMAID
AND RESCUED
HIM.



ONE
DAY WHEN
HE HAD
GONE OUT
A FISHIN',
GORO







EVEN THOUGH
I'VE LISTENED TO
YOUR STORIES, I
STILL THINK RED-
HAIR WOULD BE
BEAUTIFUL.

WE DON'T
REALLY KNOW
IF THIS CASE
INVOLVES
RED-HAIR.

BUT TALKING
ABOUT THEM
BROUGHT BACK
SAD MEMORIES.





寂音寺 (Shōon-ji)







WAAAA
WAAAA?



IN A
YOUNG
BODY?



I'M
ALREADY
ONCE
MORRY

ONCE
MORRY













I JUST
HAVE A BAD
FEELING.



WHY?

SLIDE

CHIKARU?
WILL YOU
BE OKAY
ON YOUR
OWN?



TODAY IS
JUST A LITTLE
PREVIEW.
THINKING
NOTHING
TO WORRY
ABOUT.

YOU ALSO
THINK THIS IS THE
DEED OF A SEA SPIRIT
MONSTER, RIGHT?
TOMORROW WE'LL
BE SEARCHING THE
OCEAN IN earnest!



OKAY!
SEE YOU AT
DINNER!

CHIKARA







IT'S TAE,
ISN'T IT?

TAE.

WITH WHOM
DO I HAVE THE
PLEASURE OF
ADDRESSING?

THE HIGH
PRIESTESS IS
CURRENTLY
AWAY.



AT LEAST
A CENTURY
AND THIRTY
YEARS...

IT'S BEEN
A LONG TIME.
I DON'T
DOUBT YOU'VE
FORGOTTEN.



!?



WHO?!
WHO THE
HELL ARE
YOU?!



BUT
WHAT ABOUT
MERMAIDS?



NOT
PEOPLE, NO...

NOBODY
LIVES
THAT
LONG!

THEY'RE
WHAT KIND OF
CRAZY TALK...



FAST NOW
OLD ARE
YOUNG?

CONNECT
MERMAIDS
WITH
LONGEVITY

IN MORE
RECENT
TIMES, THE
STORIES
"KONAKITA
KUNIO" AND
"MANTO
MYSTERY-
HILL"

THERE ARE OTHER
MERMAID LEGENDS
LIKE "KOTOYUKU
MITSUKUSHI,"
"SHOKOKU RITSUKU,"
AND "KONAKITA
JITAKU" THAT
DESCRIBE LONELY
WILDER MERMAIDS.



THERE IS
THE LEGEND OF
KOTOYUKU, THE MAN
WHO LIVED 800
YEARS AFTER CON-
SUMING THE FLESH
OF A MERMAID. THAT
LEGEND EXISTS ALL
OVER JAPAN.



AT THAT TIME,
THE START OF
THE MEI-JI ERA,
I LIVED IN
KOSUJIMAMA.



AND
WHO ARE
YOU?

HO HO HO
NO... WHAT
IS THIS
CRAZY TALK,
AND WHO IS
THIS "TAB"
PERSON?



IN THOSE
DAYS, I
WENT BY
THE NAME
OCHIMARU.

YOU WERE THE
DAUGHTER OF THE
MASTER OF RITSU
AND OFTEN WENT
DOWN TO WATCH
THE FISHING
BOATS GO OUT
TO SEA.

OH-
AAAH?



WHIS NAME
WAS GOOD,
I BELIEVE?

YEA, THE MAN
YOU LOVED...



NO
WAY!
CAN
IT
BE?



AND THEY
DO IT BY
EATING THE
FLESH OF
HUMANITY!



DID
YOU EAT
MERMAID
FLESH
YOURSELF
LIKE IN
YACHT-
KING??

THERE'S NO
WAY YOU CAN BE
CHICKADEE. WHY
HAVEN'T YOU
ASSED?



IN FACT,
IT'S BACK-
WARD! IT'S
MERMAIDS
WHO LIVE
FOREVER!

THE
STORY OF
"IMMORTAL-
ITY THROUGH
EATING MER-
MAID FLESH"
IS INCOR-
RECT!



ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT,
TARI?

YOU
ATE
GORO,
DIDN'T
YOU?



ONLY ONE
FAMILY IS BORN
WITH THAT
POWER!

OF COURSE IT
IS NOT LIKE
JUST ANYONE
COULD HAVE
DONE THIS!



BOTH YOU
AND I ARE
THE SAME!

TENNY, IN OTHER WORDS
PEOPLE SOMETIMES CALLED
SNAKE GODS, DOG GODS,
OR FOX GODS. PEOPLE
DESCENDED FROM A RACE
THAT CAME FROM ANOTHER
WORLD. ONLY THEY CAN
DO IT...



SO... YOU HAD
FEARED BUT
I HAD A SPECIAL
POWER...

WE ARE BOTH TENNY!
YOU PERHAPS DID NOT
KNOW, BUT MY ADOPTIVE
FATHER TOLD ME ABOUT
YOU, WHICH IS WHY I
CHOOSE YOU AS A
FRIEND!



IN ORDER TO
SAVE GORO,
WHEN HE FELL
IN THE SEA,
YOU JOINED
WITH WICKED
MAGATSUKI!

AND
THEREBY
YOU TRANS-
FORMED
INTO A
MERMAID!

*BUT EVEN THOUGH I WANT
AS FAR AS BECOMING A FISH TO
SAVE GORD, HE BETRAYED HIS
PROMISE AND TOOK A WIFE. ONLY
HE GOT TO BE HAPPY. I COULD
NOT FORGIVE HIM!*



*I
CHANGED
RAPIDLY
INTO A
FISH!*

IN THAT
INSTANT I
REALIZED I
COULD SAVE
GORD.

I FIGURED
THAT MY SPECIAL
POWER WOULD BE
AWAKENED AT ONCE
WHEN I JUMPED
INTO THE
WATER.



THEN ONE DAY A
SPIRIT MONSTER
WHO LOOKED LIKE
A WOMAN IN THE
SHAPE OF A BIRD
APPEARED BEFORE
ME. SHE MUST
HAVE SEEN
MY HEART.

THE
RED-WOMAN
WHISPERS
TO ME...





A STRAY SHE
WAS PREPARING
YOU TO BECOME
A TRUE DEMON!



EAT
THE LIVER
OF A LIVING
HUMAN! IF
YOU DO THAT
YOU WILL
BECOME
HUMAN
AGAIN!



BUT
ONLY FOR
A SHORT
WHILE!



THE RED-WOMAN
SPOKE TRUTH! I
BECAME A HUMAN
ONCE MORE!

THEN I
ATTACKED
GORDO AND
ATE HIS
LIVER!



EVENTUALLY
I FORMED OUT
THAT TEENAGE
GIRLS AND YOUNG
WOMEN PRODUCED
THE BEST
RESULTS!

I
CONTINUED
TO LIVE A
DUAL LIFE
AS HUMAN
AND FISH!

TO MAINTAIN
MY FORM I
HAD TO CON-
TINUALLY KILL-
TWO PEOPLE
AND EATING
THEIR
LIVERS.

I WILL
BECOME
HUMAN
FOREVER
BEYOND A
SHADOW OF
A DOUBT!

IF I
CONSUME
SOMEONE
LIKE ME
WITH
EXTREME
LONG-
EVITY!

CYNABUT
YOU ARE
WHAT I
HAVE BEEN
SEEKING!



THE
LONELINESS
OF LIVING
THE BETTER
PART OF 100
YEARS AS A
MERMAID.
HOW COULD
YOU POSSIBLY
UNDER-
STAND?

THE
HEARTBREAK
OF LOSING
ONE'S OWN
HUMANITY?

CHIHARU!
YOU LIKELY
WOULDN'T
UNDER-
STAND!





NEITHER
HUMAN NOR FISH,
BUT RATHER A RE-
VOLTING MERMAID.
CAN YOU IMAGINE
LIVING WITH SUCH
DESPAIR?

THE
LOATHING OF
BEING ONE'S
BELOVED WITH
ANOTHER!!

IF BY DOING
SO, I COULD
RETURN TO BEING
A PERSON EVEN
FOR ONE HOUR...

GIVEN THE
ALTERNATIVE
OF HIDING
FROM VIEW
AND LIVING IN
THE DARK AT
THE BOTTOM
OF THE
OCEAN....

TO THE
EXTENT
OF BEING
CALLED A SEA
MONSTER OR
A DEMON?

I WOULD
DEVOUR A
PERSON OR
ANYONE
ELSE!

YOU'RE
SUFFER-
ING...

THE...
YOU'RE
BETTER OFF
RETURNING
TO THE
SEA...



YOU
BECAME A
RUN IN ORDER
TO ACQUIRE
RIGHT?

KILL
AND
ACQUIRE.
KILL AND
ACQUIRE...

WILL FILL
YOUR HEART
TO THE
BRIM WITH
SUFFERING
AND LOVE-
LINES...

BUT THE
GUILT OF
KILLING AND
CONSUMING
HUMANS...



YOU
FOOL!

HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
!!

IT'S
ENOUGH!
YOU MUST
STOP!



GUILT?
FILL MY
HEART WITH
SUFFERING
AND LOVE-
LINES?



THERE'S
NO GUILT
AT ALL!

HUMANS
ARE PREY!



I'M NO
LONGER
THE PREY
OF OLD
GARDNER!

I'M NOT
AFRAID!



THAT
IS
ME!

EXTENDING MY
LIFE BY CONSUMING
THE LIVES OF LIVING
PERSONS, LIVING
MORE THAN A
HUNDRED YEARS
AS A MERMAID
SPIRIT MONSTER!

I
DIS-
CARDED
MY HO-
MELAND
LONG
AGO!

NO!
YOU'RE
MERCY!



I CAN
READ A
PERSON'S
HEART!

YOU
ARE
TAE!



YOUR HEART
IS STILL THAT
OF TAE!





NOT JUST
YOUR LIVER,
I WILL CON-
SUME YOUR
FLESH AND
BLOOD AND
EVERYTHING
THERE IS
UNTIL NOT
A SCRAP IS
LEFT!!

SHUT UP,
CHIHARU!!
YOUR TENGU
FLESH IS
BOUND TO
GIVE ME
SPECIAL
POWER!!







CHAPTER 10

THE SIN
OF ALL
THOSE
LIVES...
IS TOO
HEAVY!

ONCE A
HUMAN...
BUT NOW
A FLESH-
EATING
MONSTER.
IT'S TOO
LATE FOR
PITY!

YOU'RE
PRETTY AW
HELL!

IF
YOU
ARE
FEMALE...

IS
FOR
YOU
SCUM...



**DIE
ONCE AND
TRY BEING
REBORN
ANEW!**



AOII?

ドン

ドン

ドン

ドン





SO YOU'RE
TERRIFY FOOT
DELICIOUSLY
LOOKS LIKE
EATING YOU
WILL BEAR
AS A
STRONG
ADJUNCT!



WHA-!
YOU...











I DON'T
LIKE IT WHEN I
BECOME A MAN
FOR SOME
REASON...

I WAS BORN A
HERMAPHRODITE.
CHANGING
BETWEEN MAN
AND WOMAN.



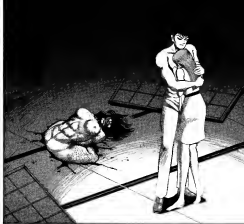
BUT...

AS A MAN,
I JUST GET SO
BELLIGERENT
AND CRUEL!



ACT...

I'M
YOUR GARBLY
IF IT IS TO PRO-
TECT GARGARA
ANYWAY, I WILL
BECOME A MAN
AT ANY TIME,
WHATEVER THE
COST!!



AND ONCE AGAIN MER-
MAD'S DISAPPEARED INTO
THE MIST OF LEGENDS...

OVER TIME, THE CORPSE
OF WHAT HAD BEEN THE
MERMAID TOOK ON THE
ASPECT OF A FISH, BUT IT
WAS A FISH LIKE NONE
EVER SEEN BEFORE!













Chapter 8: Satan's Conspiracy







THE
TIME HAS
COME TO
BURY OUR
ENEMIES, THE
HOUNDS OF
HEAVEN!

THE ONES
WHO WILL
BRING THE
LIGHT OF
CULTURE ON
THIS LAND
ARE THE
VIPERS OF
HEAVEN.



WE'VE
INFORMED
THEIR
WAY
INTO
THE
CENTER
OF
NATIONAL
AFFAIRS.



I HAVE NO IDEA
IF WE BOTH
CAME OUT OF
SOME KIND OF
HEAVEN OR
FROM SPACE...

WE HAZARD
AND THE TENGO
HAVE FUGHT A
SECRET FELD
THROUGHOUT
THE HISTORY OF
THIS COUNTRY



BUT...THEY...
SOMEHOW...

BUT WE BOTH
ARE WIZARDS
POSSESSING
UNCHANGED
ADVANCED
CULTURE
AND SUPER-
POWERS!



NOT THEY ARE
LEADING THIS
COUNTRY TO
DECADENCE
AND DECAY!

DO YOU
THINK THE
KIND OF
COUNTRY
THEY'VE
CREATED IS
BEAUTIFUL?
THAT EVERY-
THING IS FINE
AS LONG AS
THERE IS
PEACE?



IN ORDER
TO PLACE THE
COUNTRY AT
THE CENTER
OF THE
WORLD'S
AFFAIRS!

THE
HOUNDS
OF HEAVEN
SHALL BE
EXPELLED!

FROM
HENCE
FORTH,
WE MUST
REPLACE
THEM AT THE
CENTER OF
NATIONAL
AFFAIRS!



EXACTLY
WHAT I SAID
AHEAD THEY
WILL REMOVE
FROM THE
CENTER!

BY "EXPELLED,"
EXACTLY WHAT
DO YOU MEANT
WHAT DO YOU
PLAN TO DO?

WAIT,
SATANI!



BUT WHO
EXACTLY IN
SONNE TAKE
'EM ON?

PRETTY
EASY TO
SAY, ISN'T
IT?



EVEN IF
WE HAVE
TO USE ALL
OUR POWER,
THEY SHALL
DISAPPEAR.
THERE WILL
LIKELY BE
ASSASSINATIONS!



KILL
THEM ALL?
INCLUDING
THE DRAGONAL
PILGRIM? HOW
CAN HE BE
DESTROYED?

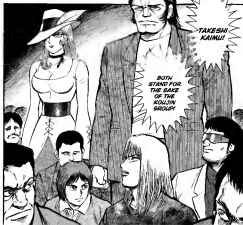


THEY
WHO HAVE
EXACTLY THE
SAME LEVEL
OF SUPER-
POWERS AS
WE DO!!



THE KOUJIN SPIRIT
EATERS ARE ALL
AMONGST US. ARE
YOU NOT ONE
YOURSELF, AKIRA
AMON? I EXPECT
YOU TO BE ONE OF
THE ASSASSINS!

ARE THERE NOT
THOSE AMONG US
HERE IN THE KOUJIN
GROUP WHO HAVE
MERGED WITH THE
SPIRITUAL POWER OF
THE MAGATSUMI?





NATURALLY,
I SHALL AS
WELL AS ONE
OF THE SPIRIT
EATERS, AMON,
I EXPECT YOU
TO DO THE
SAME.

JINREN, WHO IS
A PLANT AS AN
EMPLOYEE OF
HEAVEN, INC.,
WILL JOIN IN
AS WELL.



IT'S
NOT QUITE
ENOUGH TO
TAKE OUT THE
DEATHLESS
OLD MAN.

QUITE
THE
LINEUP.
EVEN
SO...

KAMUI,
SILVER, AND
JINREN, PLUS
YOU, SATAN.



ACCORDING TO
ROSIKRUICAN
LEGENDS,
THE SNAKE
GODDESS
MEDUSA
CAN BE
DEPLOYED!!

NO, WE CAN
BEAT HIM!!
WE HAVE
JOINED WITH
THE SNAKES
OF EUROPE.
THE FRATER-
NITY OF
THE ROSE
CROSS!!



THE
FRATER-
NITY
OF THE
ROSE
CROSS
!!

Writings released in 17th century Germany claim the existence of a secret society devoted to mysticism and magic. The society was called "The Fraternity of the Rose Cross." The founder was Christian Rosenkreutz (1378-1484). He was a magician and alchemist, and he formed a group of seven like-minded men who founded the Fraternity. These writings stimulated a tremendous interest in magic and alchemy throughout 17th century Europe, and many secret societies were formed--But now the writings are considered fictitious, as is Rosenkreutz himself.



AND LIKE
US HE WAS
A VIPER OF
HEAVEN, BUT
HE CAME OUT
OF SPACE AS
A VISITOR TO
EUROPE!

BUT ROSEN-
KREUTZ
WAS REAL!



THEY HAVE
STRETCHED
FORTH THEIR
HANDS TO
AID US!

ROSENKREUTZ'S
FAMILY WENT
UNDERGROUND!
BY MEANS OF MAGIC
AND ALCHEMY THEY
CONTROLLED EUROPE
FROM THE SHADOWS
AND BECAME A
POWERFUL
FOUNDATION.



IF WE CAN CUT
ITS TIES TO THE
GOVERNMENT,
HEAVEN INC.
WON'T EVEN BE
A THIRD RATE
PUBLISHING
COMPANY!

THEY WILL
USE THEIR
INFLUENCE TO
PRESSURE THE
GOVERNMENT
TO CUT LOOSE
ITS TIES TO
HEAVEN,
INC.!



AMONG LET US
FIGHT TOGETHER
WITH OUR EUROPEAN
BROTHERS THE
ROSCRUCIANS AND
BURY THE WOUNDS
OF HEAVEN WHO
ARE BRINGING THE
COUNTRY TO RUIN!



THE TIME
IS COMING
WHEN WE
VIPERS OF
HEAVEN WILL
CONTROL
THE STRINGS
OF POWER
IN THIS
COUNTRY!

EVEN IF A
FEW OF THEM
SURVIVE, WE
WILL NO
LONGER BE
RIVALS!





UNUSUAL
FOR THEM
IN RECENT
YEARS.

HMM

THEY ARE
ASSEMBLING
IN ALL KINDS
OF DIFFERENT
PLACES.

THERE IS
A FLURRY
OF ACTIVITY
FROM THE
KOLLIN
GROUP.



THE KOLLIN
GROUP HAS BEEN
SCATTERED AND
DISBURSED FOR A
LONG TIME, BUT THIS
MAN IS ATTEMPTING
TO GATHER THEM
TOGETHER.

HE SUDDENLY
APPEARED AS
A LEADER...

HMM



HAS
SOME-
ONE PUT
THEM UP
TO IT?



AS OF YET,
WE DON'T
KNOW WHO
HE IS

SUPPOSEDLY
A MAN
CALLING
HIMSELF
SATON



AS YOU SAID YOURSELF, MR. CHURMAN, THE VIBERS SURELY DESIRE CHAOS







BEFORE
THAT,
I WANT
CHIKARA TO
MEET WITH
TUTENARI.



I HAVE
NO CHOICE
BUT TO
MAKE A
MOVE...

THIS IS
WHAT DOES
IT MEAN...



IF OUR ENEMIES
HAVE GONE FURTHER
THAN WE SUSPECT,
WE CAN TAKE PROPER
PRECAUTIONS!

THROUGH HIM WE CAN
GET INTO THE SPECIAL
PROTECTIONS AGENCY
AND CHIKARA CAN USE
TELEPATHY TO GATHER
INFORMATION.

AND YOU
HAD BEST
SEND AOI
WITH HER.

AOI AS
WELL?





I SUSPECT THIS
IS THE FIRST
TIME YOU'VE
BEEN HERE!

EXACTLY!
THEY ARE THE
ONDS WHO
GUANT HEAVEN'S
HOUNDS OUR
JURISDICTION
AND STATUS

THE SPECIAL
PROTECTION
MINISTER IN
KAGURUGASER!
THIS IS THE FIRE
BETWEEN HEAVEN,
THE AND THE
GOVERNMENT



PLEASE
COME
WITH ME
TO HIS
OFFICE!

MR
TATEHARA
WILL SEE
YOU NOW.



TODAY WE
ARE MEETING
DEEP MINISTER
TATEHARA. THE
CHAIRMAN HAS
ABSOLUTE
TRUST IN HIM.



I SHOULD
PROBABLY
INTRODUCE
YOU TO HIM.

INITIALLY, I MEET HIM
WITH DEWA BUT TODAY
THE CHAIRMAN OPTED
TO SEND YOU INSTEAD.





YOU AND
YOUR CREW
HAVE BEEN
DEEMED A
MENACE TO
SOCIETY!

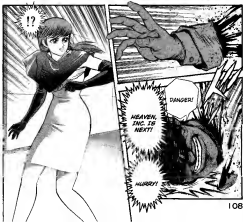


!?



I AM
ALREADY
A DEAD
MAN!













THIS
PISTOL
IS TAKEN
APART!



WHAT
ARE
THESE
GUYS?
ACTUAL
TENGU
IT





GGGH

THEY WERE
NEVER GONNA
LOSE TO THE
LIKES OF US!

THAT'S
HEAVEN'S
HOLDERS
FOR YA.

THEY'VE
ESCAPED!

HOW-
EVER!

AND IN THE
BASEMENT
ROOM
AWAITS THE
DEMON OF
DARKNESS
THAT WILL
DEVOUR
THEM!

IT'LL
ONLY
STOP
AT THE
FOURTH
BASE-
MENT
LEVEL!



THEY
WILL NOT
LEAVE THIS
BUILDING
ALIVE!



AND NO
MATTER
WHICH
ONE THEY
CHOOSE,

THERE ARE NO
STAIRS IN THE
HALLWAYS.
THEIR ONLY
CHOICE IS THE
ELEVATOR.



*Chapter 9: The
Demons Of Darkness*











AH...IT'S
DARK.

IT'S
OPEN-
ING!



AS LONG AS
WE CAN GET
OUT, ANYTHING
IS FINE BY ME



IN A HURRY
TO GET
OUT? MAYBE
BECAUSE
YOU HATE
CRAMPED
SPACE?



BUT WHETHER
THEY PAY RENT
IS ANOTHER
MATTER...

I THINK
SO.
THEY'RE
HERE...

OR MAYBE A
FLOOR
WHERE THE
TENANTS
PREFER
DISORDER?

NO
OCCUPANTS?
A FLOOR
WITHOUT
ELECTRICITY?



YEP.
THIS
PLACE
IS JUST
DROPPING
WITH
THE
CREEPS.



IT SEEMS
IT'S QUITE
PERILOUS
HERE!



MAYBE IT'S JUST
THAT THE GODS
SOMETIMES
CONSIDER THE
FEELINGS OF THE
GHOSTS WHO ARE
BEING BLASTED!

WHO
KNOWS?

WAPPE REVENGES
FOR ALL THE
SHOCKTASTIC
WE'VE DONE
THROUGHOUT
THE YEARS...?



WHOO!!



AUNT





SO WHAT
WILL IT BE,
TALP?

I'VE HEARD ABOUT
YOU FROM GATAN.
NOBODY KNOWS
WHAT TO MAKE
OF YOU YET.

THE NEW
COS THEY
WERE USING
AS A SCOUT.
GOT IT —



THAT'S THE
ONLY
REASON
THEY MADE
YOU A
SCOUT IS
BECAUSE
IT SEEMED
LIKE
YOU MIGHT
HAVE
SUPER-
POWER?

YOU HAVE NO
CONFIDENCE IN
YOURSELF AS
A HOUND OF
HEAVEN, RIGHT?



IF YOU
JOIN US,
WE'LL LET
YOU LIVE.



!?



IT'S STILL
NOT TOO
LATE. JOIN
THE KOLLIN
GROUP!

IF IT'S JUST THAT
YOU HAVE A
SUPERPOWER,
MIGHT YOU NOT
BE ONE OF US,
THE VIPERS OF
HEAVEN??

HAVE YOU
SEEN YOUR
FAMILY YET??



THIS. THIS
IS ALREADY!

YOU THINK TO
EVER JOIN A
GROUP OF
MURDERERS??

BUT YOU THINK
THAT'S A REASON
FOR ME TO JOIN
THE KOLLIN
GROUP??

IT'S TRUE I
DON'T KNOW IF
I'M A HOUND
OF HEAVEN!



IS NOTHING
MORE THAN
PRETEXT
FOR MURDERING
MEMBERS OF
OUR GROUP!

THE THING
THEY CALL
"HONEST-
BUSINESS!"

YOU KNOW
NOTHING! YOU
THINK THE
WOUNDS OF
HEAVEN AREN'T
MURDERERS?

AMMMAN
AMMMAN!



BOTH DOGS
AND SNAKES
CAME FROM
OUTER SPACE.
WE ARE NOT
OF THIS
WORLD!

NO...IF IT'S
A WOMAN...
NONE
OF US
CARE ABOUT
KILLING
THEM!



PLUS, THEY KILL THE
PEOPLE WHO HAVE
BEEN POSSESSED BY
MAGATAMA!





WE MUST
ALLIANCE WITH
AND CONTROL
THOSE IN
POWER
HERE!

BUT AT THE
SAME TIME
WE ARE NOT
A TINY
MINORITY!

IT IS
TRUE!
WE HAVE
SUPERIOR
POWER!!

WE ARE ALL THE
DESCENDANTS OF A
FEW PARASITIC ALIENS
WHO CAME TO THIS
PLANET (EARTH) IN
ANCIENT TIMES!



BEFORE THAT
HAPPENS, WE
MUST CONTROL
ALL THE PEOPLE
OF EARTH!

EVENTUALLY,
WE'D BE
WIPE OUT!

UNLIKE THE
HOUNDS OF
HEAVEN, IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR OUR TINY
NUMBER TO
SURVIVE JUST BY
BEING USEFUL
TO PEOPLE AND
SOCIETY.



OUR PATH TO
SURVIVAL IS TO
KILL THE WORLD
AS IF WE WERE
GODS!

EVENT-
UALLY
THEY WILL
COME TO
DISCOVER
US!

IF
PEOPLE
KEEP
CALLING US
"DEMONS"
OR "SPIRIT
MONSTERS"



HE KNOWS
ME?

SATAN?



EVER SINCE
HE MET YOU.

SATAN'S TAKEN
A LIKING TO
YOU, FID.

SATAN IS THE
NEW LEADER
OF THE MOULIN
GROUP!



WE HAVE ALSO
AVOIDED OTHER
CRIMES BUT NOW
EVERYTHING HAS
CHANGED!

UP UNTIL
NOW THE
KOLLIN GROUP
HAS AVOIDED
MURDER TO THE
LARGEST EXTENT
POSSIBLE!



THE POSITIONS
OF THE KOLLIN
GROUP AND
HEAVEN INC ARE
NOW COMPLETELY
REVERSED!

SATUN
DISCOVERED A
WAY TO
MAKE IT
WORK!

THE JAPANESE
GOVERNMENT HAS
JOINED WITH THE
KOLLIN GROUP!



AN AN AN AN HAT
WENT A SIMPLE
BOY. OF COURSE
IT WAS JUSTICE
WHEN THE
GOVERNMENT
WAS ALLIED WITH
HEAVEN, INC.

TO MAINTAIN
JUSTICE IN
SOCIETY!

THE REASON
HEAVEN'S
HOUNDS KILLED
THOSE PEOPLE
WAS IN THE
CAUSE OF
JUSTICE!



BUT NOW,
IT'S NO
LONGER
THE NAME!



AND YOU,
THE HOUNDS
OF HEAVEN,
ARE THE
ENEMIES OF
SOCIETY!

WE ARE
JUSTICE!

HEAVEN, INC IS
NOTHING BUT A PACK
OF TRAITORS. JUSTICE
HAS SWITCHED TO
OUR SIDE, THE
KOLTON GROUP!!

JOIN THE
KOLLEN
GANG!

SHINPOI TALK!
YOU MUST
BECOME ONE
OF THE
HUNTERS.





YEAH, I
NEED THAT.



YOU'LL
NEED THIS
RIGHT?

AOI, I'VE
SLAMMED
YOUR
SWORD.



TO
GET BOMB
GHOST-
BLASTING DONE!

CHICANAY
STAY CLOSE
BEHIND ME!



HE WILL
PERSONALLY
GUARANTEE
YOUR SAFETY.

SATAN SAYS
HE'LL WELCOME
YOU.

WHAT
WILL IT
BE?

YOUR
SALUTY



THAT I
RESPECT
YOU
ASSHOLES!

BUT THERE'S
ONE THING
I KNOW
FOR DEAD
CERTAIN



THERE
ARE MANY
THINGS I
DON'T
KNOW

EVEN ABOUT
WHAT I
SEE HERE
DIRECTLY



THINGS ABOUT
HELL, NO, EVEN
THINGS ABOUT
HEAVEN, INC. OF
WHICH I HAVE
NO IDEA.











It was high voltage
current coming out.
They were
electrocuted!

Everyone flipped
over and blue
sparks jumped out
of the equipment.

Then suddenly everyone
was blown back from the
equipment like a ragdoll!





SOMEONE
SECRETLY
SET IT UP IN
ADVANCE.



HOW... HOW
COULD
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT
HAPPEN?



I SEE. THEN
I GOT THERE
LATER...

I only had an
instant to spend!
The Kouin
Group appeared
immediately.



I realized something was the
matter and was out of my
clothes in a snap, using the
power of the Tengai's Inval-
idly Cloak, I made myself
transparent.



AND... IT HAD TO
BE ONE OF THE
EDITORIAL STAFF,
SINCE WE'RE THE
ONES WITH THE
SPECIAL POWERS.

THEY HAD INSIDE INFO
THEY MUST BE A
TRAITOR... IF NOT
THERE'S NO WAY THEY
COULD HAVE PULLED THIS
OFF IN A PLACE LIKE
HEAVEN INC. FULL
OF PEOPLE WITH
SUPERPOWERS!





REALLY?

NO WAY! WE
CAN'T GO OUT
THROUGH THE
MAIN ENTRANCE.
THE KOLLEN
GROUP HAS
POSTED GUARDS



TRY-
ING THAT?

IN OTHER
WORDS, A
HUMAN TIME
MACHINE. SHE
LOOKS OVER
SHOULDER OF
THIS.



HER
OFFICE?

I KNOW
LET'S GO
TO THE
PRES-
IDENT'S OFFICE



MEANS
SHE HAS THE
POWER TO
TRAVEL
TIME

THE PRESIDENT
WILL PROBABLY
APPEAR THERE...
SHE ALWAYS
APPEARS
SOMEWHERE
RIGHT?





My "uncle" is Chief Editor Bawa. He isn't as old as the Chairman, but he's lived for three hundred years!

I'm his direct descendant, but I pretended not to know as a way of searching for the traitor.

THREE...
THREE...
HUNDRED



HE SHOWED
ME THIS
SECRET
PASSAGE
JUST IN
CASE!

MY
"UNCLE" LOOKS
AFTER
ME...

AN...
CES...
TORY?



LOOK...
FROM
THERE...

IT'S THE
ROOM FOR
SLEEPING
ON THE
PRESIDENT'S
OFFICE...

A ROOM
BETWEEN
THE WALLS.



WHAT IS
THIS THE
PRESIDENT'S
OFFICE?

I REALLY
DON'T THINK
THERE WAS A
TRAITOR IN OUR
DEPARTMENT.

BUT I HAD
NO IDEA
ALL THIS
WOULD HAPPEN...





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 12
 13



THEY SEEM
 TO HAVE
 ORIGINALLY
 BEEN HUMAN,
 BUT NOW
 JUST THEIR
 FACES...

NOT IN
 HUMAN
 FORM...

LOTS
 OF
 THEM!







A MID-LEVEL
HEAVY BUL
GENERAL.
HE IS
FAMOUS
FOR
DESTROY
ING THE
TRUCKS
AND HAS
THE ONE
LEADER,
SALTEN-
BOL.

SOME FOOL
MIGHT HAVE
BEE RAISING
THEM IN
SECRET!

I THOUGHT
YORAMITU
MINAMOTO
COMPLETELY
ERADICATED
THEM!

SOME OF
THESE
ANCIENT
MONSTERS
ARE STILL
AROUND!

TSUCHI-
GUMON?











LOOK
AT THE
MONT-
OISE!



WHAT A
RELIEF!

MOLAKKA
IS REALLY
CAPABLE!



KURAMAI!
MR. JOKKA
IS STILL
ALIVE!



BUT MORE
IMPORTANTLY, MAY
THERE BEOME WAY
TO CONTACT THE
PRESIDENT OR
THE CHAIRMAN?

USUALLY, THEY'D
JUST GAZE IT!



THEY ARE
PUTTING THE
BODIES OF
THE SECURITY
GUARD
MEMBERS IN
BAGS AND
CARRYING
THEM OUT!



POOR
THINGS

THEY'LL
PROBABLY
MAKE THEM
LOOK LIKE
ACCIDENTAL
DEATHS...



!?

WE HAVE TO
ASSUME THEY'RE
HAVING TROUBLE
OF THEIR OWN!



SINCE THEY
HAVEN'T SHOWN
UP...

BOTH THE
PRESIDENT
AND CHAIR-
MAN HAVE
TELEPHONED
...!



BOTH THE
PRESIDENT
AND THE CHAIRMAN
HAVE BEEN
ATTACHED?









THE
SIREN
BOARD OF
DEATH!

NOT GOOD,
HERE IT
COMES!











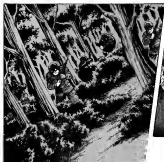


REALLY?
JUST LIKE A
SIREN!

IT SOUNDS
NOTHING
ANYTHING
IN ITS
PAIN!

THE BRAGGAD VOICE
OF THE GREN IS
OSCILLATION OF
ULTRASONIC WAVES!
IT'S A SOUND BOMB!

DEVA, YOU
SHOULD TRY
TO PUT UP
YOUR PSYCHIC
BARRIERS!



ALI?



FOOLISH! THEY
THINK GUNS
WILL WORK
AGAINST
HEAVEN'S
HOARDER!

















YAAAAH!

CANNI-BALISM!



CHIKARAI
YOU DID
THAT?

LET'S GO BEFORE
WE GET CAUGHT
UP IN THAT!

THEY'RE VERY
SIMPLE MINDS!
VERY EASY
TO CONTROL!

THEY WON'T
PAY ANY MORE
ATTENTION
TO US!



OK!

NO!
GRAB MY
ARM!

I'M GOING
INTO "SLOW
TIME"



ROBERT!

WE HAVE TO GET
BACK TO HEAVEN,
INC. SOMETHING
TERRIBLE HAS
HAPPENED
THERE!!



The Human Time Machine, "Time-Traversing" Tengu, Chikara Amatsu, cannot travel into the past. But she can manipulate future time at will. "Slow Time" is a power that allows her to slow down the flow of time.









SO THIS
IS YOUR
DOING?!

HAG-
URO!



HE IS THE
NEW LEADER
OF THE KOUJIN
GROUP!



MY TRUE
NAME... IS
SATANI



HEY WAIT! RE!
HAGURO IS JUST
AN ALIAS I USED
TO INFILTRATE
HEAVEN, INC!



WRITTEN WITH
KARU! THAT MEAN
"POORING SAND"
BUT SOUNDING LIKE
"SA-TAN." MY
ANCESTORS
PAIDED FOR GOLD
TO FIND IT THEY
HAD TO PROBE
THROUGH SAND,
AND SO THE
NAME STUCK.

RYO
SATAN!

EVEN THOUGH IT IS
"SATAN," I'LL NOT
HAVE YOU THINKING I
JUST ARBITRARILY
TOOK THE NAME OF
THE WESTERN DEMON
WITH THE SAME NAME.
IT IS MY TRUE
JAPANESE NAME.

BROTHER, ISN'T
THAT SHIT MOUTH
OF YOURS JUST
ABOUT THE SAME AS
THE REAL SATAN?

AWHHH...WHO KNOWS!
WASN'T SATAN
A HERMAPHRODITE?
NO! KATSURAGI, MIGHT NOT
YOU BE THE REINCARNATION
OF SATAN HIMSELF??

AREN'T
YOU JUST
SATAN
REINCAR-
NATED??



SO WHAT
DO YOU
SAY, RAT-
SURAQ?

TODAY
YOUR USUAL
FEARMENTY
IS VANISHING!

SATAN
WASN'T
THE ONLY
HERM-
APRODITE!



RYO SATAN!
SHALL I ALSO CAST
YOUR BODDY ANG
INTO HELL?

I'M LIKELY
MICHAEL! WHO
CAST SATAN
INTO HELL!

ALL ANGELS
ARE HERM-
APRODITES!



I'M PLEASED
TO MAKE YOUR
ACQUAINTANCE!
KORRAHIBIBI!

I'M A MEMBER OF THE
KOLLIN GROUP AND A
SPIRIT EATER. KAREO
JINASHI IS MY NAME.
MOST PEOPLE JUST
KNOW MAKE FUN OF
ME....











I AM
THUNDER KUMAI
MEMBER OF
THE KOLLIN
GROUP AND
SPARTAN BATER!!



***Chapter 10:
Duel to the Death***





I'D SAY
YOU'RE THE
SPIRIT
MONSTER
HERE!

A MONSTER
WHO HAS
LIVED MORE
THAN ONE
THOUSAND
YEARS SINCE THE
NARA PERIOD!

OR
WOULD YOU
RATHER
JUST CALL
YOU EN-NO-
GYOUJAI?

TENDO
UJUMI, THE
UNDYING
PIGROB.
NO, EN-NO-
GYUJAI!



INDEED I
AM EN-NO-
GYUJAI!
OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS
EN-NO-
GYOUJAI!



DEALING
WITH SPIRIT
MONSTERS
SURE IS
A PAIN,
ISN'T IT?

HO HO HO!
BECAUSE I
DON'T DIE,
YOU SAY...

Founder of Shugendo

En-no-Ozunu (full name: Kamo-no-Edachinokimi-Ozunu) was born in the year 634. Born into the Kamo clan that wielded considerable power in the heart of the Mount Katsuragi area, as a child he demonstrated remarkable brilliance. At age 13 after completing all of his schooling, he took up studies as a mountain ascetic at the temple of Gankouji in Asuka (a district of Nara). There he received the ritual of incantation and prayer for Mahamayuri from Priest Ekan.



Worshipping Mahamayuri taught
Ozunu the mystery of eternal
youth and immortality as well as
the ability to take flight at will.
With those powers he was able
to subdue the demon gods Zerk
and Goko and save many people.





I SHALL
TEACH YOU
THERE IS NO
SUCH THING AS
IMMORTALITY!

YOU MAY
HAVE EVADED
DEATH THIS
LONG, PILGRIM,
BUT THIS
VERY NIGHT...













WHAT IS
THE MEANING
OF THIS?

HAGU-
ROH



DAMN, HAGU-
ROH WAS THAT
ENTRANCE
REALLY
NECESSARY?



I THINK I ALREADY
TOLD YOU THAT
WE YIPERS ARE OLDER
THAN THE TEMSU.
I WAS JUST
TRANSFERRED HERE
TEMPORARILY.



MY NAME
IS NOT
HAGURO.
I HAVE
RETURNED TO
USING MY
TRUE NAME,
SUTAN.



WE, THE
DISCIPPLES OF THE
SERPENTS!

WE WERE THE ONES
WHO WERE GRACIOUSLY
TEACHING WISDOM TO
THE PRIMITIVE ANCIENT
PEOPLES.



THERE'S NO WAY WE
WOULD ALLOW THESE
UPSTART TEMSU TO
KEEP OPRESSING THEIR
INFLUENCE FOREVER!





I'M FINE. BOTH SHINPO
AND I ARE FIGHTING
FOR HEAVEN'S
HONORS!

ARE YOU
ALRIGHT??

ARE YOU
ALRIGHT??

WWW
PRESIDENT?
I'M HERE,
TOM!













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